

## ALEXANDRIA.

**THE COMING FARMERS' INSTITUTE.** The farmers' institute of the eighth congressional district of Virginia will open in this city at the rooms of the board of trade on next Tuesday. The institute is in charge of S. V. Corbin, of the agricultural department of the Bureau of the First District and Henry L. Lyman of the seventh district. They will be assisted by the following representatives of the farmers in this neighborhood: James W. Roberts and W. H. Gandy, of the city; W. H. Garrett and H. H. Herndon, who have arranged for the hall, music and hotel accommodations. The sessions will be made as pleasant and comfortable as possible. On each of the three days the institute will have three sessions and the exercises will terminate on the evening of Thursday, the 14th of April. The sessions will be opened, expected, at 8 o'clock in the morning, 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and 7:30 p.m. The exercises will be devoted to the practical end of advancing farm interests. Lectures, discussions, addresses and the answering of agricultural questions will make up the routine. The sessions will be diversified by vocal and instrumental music. The United States commissioner of agriculture, the Virginia state board of agriculture, the assistant secretaries of agriculture from the South and West, and Virginia agricultural colleges and other leaders in the promotion of scientific agriculture, will be present. The board of trade, as already stated in THE STAR, has appointed a committee to welcome the institute, and in this they will represent the people of the city.

## THE LIGHTS OF ALEXANDRIA.

The regular commissioners are calling at the office to file with Clerk Cook for the light of the first quarter of 1892. Although the city has both gaslight works and an electric light plant the former light is only used for private consumption. No use was made of the provisions of the contract for the electric lights, which were to be furnished. The gas lights, so that the city has no lights except a few are lighted to street and wharf illumination, except a few are lighted to the Richmond and Danville railroad depot. The gas light company has failed as well as all the private houses lighted with gas from works established in 1883, but largely improved since that time. At first gas was used and the gas supplied to consumers at \$4 per thousand feet. For many years improvements have been made and the price per thousand foot, with a deduction of 10 per cent, so that \$4.44 per thousand foot is the price now paid for Alexandria gas.

## THE ALIANT LIQUOR LICENSE.

The commissioners of excise board are now holding daily meetings at Paff's building on King street. It is a company of three and consists of two officers and one private, and is empowered to issue license to the corporations for license to sell liquor to refuse a recommendation to such persons. No application can be presented to the court without the endorsement of the excise board. The applications for license are not to be issued until the board has been well advised as they may, unless will apply to the corporation court for license and Judge Norton will grant or refuse license as appears proper.

## THE TRADE IN SHAD AND HERRING.

Alexandria was once the depot of the fish trade in this section of the country, but the fish business has for years been transferred to the foot of 11th street, Washington, and that has now become the center of the fish trade of the country. Alexandria has gotten back a considerable portion of the trade in herring, but the shad commerce is now almost exclusively a Washington business. It is hoped that the railroad facilities of this city will soon enable Alexandria to renew its former pre-eminence in this respect.

## HOW COUNTY LAND SELLS.

The recent Alexandria county land sales show that there has been no decline in the price of real estate there. Forty-eight acres near Falls Church have been sold for \$4,000, three acres near Carne school house for \$230, 13½ acres near Balston for \$1,500 and four acres near Carlis's Springs for \$2,000. There is very much prospecting for available land in that county near Washington.

## NOTES.

A shark is said to have been seen in the river last night going up the Potowmack Washington harbor. Some say it is a fish story.

The funerals of H. C. Hancock and Gilson Berryman, two well-known citizens, took place yesterday afternoon.

The Columbia and the Hydraulia fire companies have held their monthly meetings this week devoted to the election of new members and rewards.

## J. N. Frazee, well known as an itinerant who used to "lift the veil" and take collections at the street corners, is here again.

A few shad have recently been caught in the river near this city and many herring in Hunting creek.

Mrs. Mary G. Cornwell, keeper of city arms house, has withdrawn her resignation and will continue in the place, much to the satisfaction of Mayor Strauss and the city authorities. Mrs. Cornwell is wife of Police Lieut. Vernon of South Washington.

## GEORGETOWN.

THE WATER SERVICE. The District government is running a pipe from the high service reservoir in such a manner that it will connect with the main on Road street near 32d, which supplies Wheatley. The present in the water is being almost destroyed in the diverting of the water to Washington. It is said by an old citizen that when the reservoir was constructed by Gen. George Washington should be supplied from it, and while such was the case not much in getting a volume of water was expected.

## FELL OVERBOARD, BUT WAS RESCUED.

Yesterday afternoon a small colored boy, who, with a companion, was out in a boat near Wheatley's wharf became careless in moving about and fell overboard. He was promptly rescued, rowed to the shore and escorted to his home at the lower end of Beale street.

## THE Y. M. C. A. GROUNDS.

The grounds of the Y. M. C. A. are now, under the attention of Tommy O'Neal, the C. A. C.'s trackmaster, assuming a beautiful appearance. A new border edge raised at the corners by a curving thirty-eight inches high has already been completed. A perfect bicycle track. The whole grounds have been thoroughly drained, and in fact everything toward making a first-class track has been done. Prof. O'Neal thinks the new grounds will rival the Columbias, on Anacostia island.

## NOTES.

Moses, Pease, Harper, Smith and Small were the pallbearers who yesterday escorted the remains of Mr. Cornelius W. Smith to the cemetery. A large crowd of mourning friends followed.

In one steady stream the boats that ply between Cumberland and Georgetown are entering and registering. Nothing of a delaying nature is to be observed in the arrival of the boats, the indication is that thousands of tons of coal will be received by this time next week.

Tomorrow evening Dr. Bischoff, assisted by the Congregational Church Quartet, will present the fine program at Georgetown. At 8 p.m. Dr. Bischoff, in his usual variety, and also with a perfumery variation, and also Rossini's "Wormy Toll."

Georgetown's salaried reporter, after having been down the river on business trips, that fish are plentiful to an unusual degree, and that many thousands will be landed here in a few days.

Mr. R. A. Morgan sold to Richard H. Gaskin part lots 64 and 65, square 20, for \$4,000, instead of \$1,000. Gaskin is still seated yesterday.

## The Old Guard.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Old Guard held Tuesday night at the armory a handsome oak gavel, a souvenir of the Gettysburg battlefield, was presented to the corps by Comdr. J. H. Wyckoff, an honorary member. The resignation of Comdr. W. S. Odell as lieutenant and ordnance officer, tendered on account of increasing disability resulting from work.

The executive committee reported arrangements perfected for a dramatic entertainment and hope, to be given April 29, the proceeds to be applied toward the entertainment of visiting colored men in the national encampment in September next.

Egyptian Snow, late private fifteenth Wisconsin infantry and lieutenant thirty-eighth U. S. C. T., was elected an active, and Col. John McElroy, J. Frank Minor, S. C. Bob and Gus Voigt honorary members.

Durham Miners Will Keep Up Their Strike. The Durham miners' federations have voted by a majority of 12,751 in favor of continuing the strike against a reduction of wages.

## Coughing Leads to Consumption.

Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once.

## WANTED--HELP.

WANTED--WATKINS AND CHAMBERLAIN, LTD., AT 1825 Jefferson place.

WANTED--A MEMBER FOR A FARM IN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS. Apply to 1825 Jefferson place.

WANTED--A MIDDLE-AGED LADY, IN AS AN OFFICE, must be active and have business ability. The position is one of responsibility, hence five years experience in office work required. Address the Manufacturer, Art Needswood Bazaar, Chicago, Ill.

WANTED--AN EXPERIENCED SALESMAN IN AN office, to sell our goods. Apply to 1825 Jefferson place.

WANTED--INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE AGENTS TO CALL ON BUSINESSES IN THE CITY. Must not be steadily positioned. Call at office H. E. PATTERSON, 607 13th st. n. w. 1825 Jefferson place.

WANTED--CARTRIDGE DRIVERS--SELL WELL-MADE, PRETTY, AND ATTRACTIVE PARISIAN FLOWERS. COR. 18TH & 12th st. n. w.

WANTED--FOUR-PAIR ADVERTISING STOCKS. Horses for reference. Apply at 1825 Jefferson place.

WANTED--GOOD FARM HAND, NEAR WASHINGTON, with small family, well recommended. Write to 1825 Jefferson place.

WANTED--A RELIABLE GIRL, AS CHAMBERLAIN, maid and waitress, reference; stay nights. Apply at 1825 Jefferson place.

WANTED--EXPERIENCED SALESMAN IN FUTURE store; fair salary and permanent position. Call at 1825 Jefferson place.

WANTED--A FIRST-CLASS TAILORER TO MAKE suits and coats, and to work on cost. Apply at 1825 Jefferson place.

WANTED--A WHITE GIRL TO DO PLAIN COOKING and housework; no washing or ironing. Payment at half wages if suited. Apply at 1825 Jefferson place.

WANTED--A THOROUGHLY COMPETENT girl for general housework. Call at 1825 Jefferson place.

WANTED--A SWINGING GIRL, ONE CAPABLE OF SWINGING, D. FOR A CUSTOMER, SMALL BRICK HOUSE or frame house; cost within reason. Call at 1825 Jefferson place.

WANTED--A POSITION WITH GOOD RETAIL REVENUE, with good references. Call at 1825 Jefferson place.

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